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8th District Supervisor

Representative Gwen Moore
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Dear Representative Moore:

Representing the South Shore of your district, I request your assistance in securing stimulus funding for the Hoan Bridge. This has been a contentious issue with the Wisconsin Department of Transportation even though I would venture to state that 99% of my constituents and a vast majority of all Milwaukee County constituents support the Hoan Bridge re-decking request. Despite a resolution passed by the Milwaukee County Board by a vote of 19-0 that called for completion of the engineering study on the Hoan Bridge which is now in poor shape, beyond its normal life expectancy and badly in need of re-decking, Secretary Busalacchi and Governor Doyle refuse to move forward with re-decking studies (please see attached letter).

Ninety percent of the original cost of the Hoan Bridge was paid for with Federal Highway money. In addition, anytime a road is either added to or deleted from the interstate system, the Federal Highway Administration requires a regional (SEWRPC) study with input from local residents affected by such changes. The Wisconsin Department of Transportation has ignored this entire process.

My office has been warning that failure to do the engineering studies will lead to a shut down of this important bridge ultimately affecting the Port of Milwaukee, the transportation link of the south shore to both downtown Milwaukee and more widely the entire interstate system.

Request is made that the Federal Highway Administration be contacted regarding the engineering study delays by the Wisconsin Department of Transportation along with communication regarding violations of the planning regulations. Your support in moving this forward will be appreciated. Please contact my office for any further information.

Very truly,



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cc: Gov. Jim Doyle, Sec. Frank J. Busalacchi, Sen. Jeff Plale, Rep. Christine Sinicki,
Rep. Mark Honadel, Coalition to Save the Hoan members, Mayor Thomas Barrett